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In re Application of  
Bodo Weigand : DECISION GRANTING PETITION  
Application No. 09/997,248 : TO RESET PERIOD FOR REPLY  
Filed: 30 November, 2001 :  
Attorney Docket No. 740116-353 :

This is a decision on the petition filed on 17 June, 2002, requesting that the period for reply set forth in the Office communication mailed on 17 December, 2001, be reset to run from the date on which the Office communication was actually received at the correspondence address of record.

The petition is granted.

Petitioner provided a statement that the Office communication in question was received at the correspondence address of record on 14 June, 2002. The petition was filed within two weeks of receipt of the Office communication. A substantial portion of the set reply period had elapsed on the date of receipt. Furthermore, the Office communication was mailed between 13 October, 2001, and 2 January, 2002, when delivery of mail from the Office to certain regions of the country was delayed.

Accordingly the period for reply that was originally set forth in the Office communication original mailed on 17 December, 2001, is hereby reset to run from the receipt date of 14 June, 2002.

The petition fee of \$130.00 will be refunded to counsel's deposit account, No. 19-2380.

The application is being returned to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to the undersigned at 703-308-6918.



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